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## Saturday Specials

Briefly Noted.

New things just in time for the end-of-the-week business:

### Women's Collars, 25c.

Just Half Price.  
All- linen Hand-Embroidered Collars, eyelot work with a hem-attached edge; just in yesterday; a special purchase, regular 50c value,.....  
Dutch Collars of fine batiste & imitation Irish crocheted lace half dozen or more patterns,.....  
all pretty; regular 50c value.....

### Royal Waists, 98c.

Sheer White Lawn Waists, worth all \$1.50 each, the entire waist, including the sleeves, trimmed with pin tucking & small plaits.  
Royal Waists are well known for the very superior style & finish that characterizes them.  
This lot is especially valuable, as it's under price.

### Short Kimones, 59c

Creme Cloth, shirred yoke back & front; sleeves & front trimmed with a Persian border; very pretty garments, 80c.

### Women's Umbrellas, 79c

They're Worth \$1.  
You're liable to need one at any minute these days; covered with "American taffeta," boxwood handles, tape edge. You may pay one dollar for an umbrella elsewhere else, but you'll get not better value than these.

### Gingham Petticoats, 48c

Blue & white & black & white stripes; full width; deep dunces; small tucks & a stitched strap; great value at this price.

### \$1.50 Pompadours, 50c

Fifty-six of them, made of good quality natural hair. Good fortune brought us these first-class hair goods to sell at one-third their value.

## JAIL OR FINE FOR BOYS IN SALOONS

Minors Falsifying Age to Bar-keepers Must Face Heavy Penalty.

### DEMAND SHORTER HOURS

Central Trades and Labor Council Says City Employees Work Too Hard.

Shorter working hours for city employees were demanded last night by a delegation from the Central Trades and Labor Council, which appeared before the Council Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform. The speakers explained that they themselves were not city employees, being skilled mechanics and evidently men of intelligence and information. It was claimed that in the Street Department and in the Street Cleaning Department men were frequently kept on as much as twelve hours a day, counting the time in the morning waiting at the stables and then reaching the part of the city at which the gangs are at work. The ordinance which limits the working time of city employees to nine hours was referred to the subcommittee of three, to confer with the heads of departments and ascertain conditions in the various branches of the city service.

**Five Minors Entering Saloons.**  
The committee recommended the ordinance placing a heavy fine on any minor entering a saloon or place where liquors are sold, and misrepresenting his age. The ordinance meets the approval both of the liquor dealers and prohibitionists. It carries a penalty of \$50 or a jail sentence, at the option of the court.

Under former ordinances it is provided that any saloonkeeper selling to a minor forfeits his license, and for a minor of fifteen years is provided for a city license. A recent effort on the part of unknown parties to discredit two of the most reputable license-holders in the city, one a large grocery store, with no bar, and the other a hotel, was exposed in the Police Court, when it was shown that a so-called detective had misinformed the dealers as to the age of his companion. Should the new ordinance be adopted, punishment will fall both on the minor and the saloonkeeper in the event of conviction for sale to young men under twenty-one years of age.

**Peddling Ordinance.**  
An ordinance prohibiting peddling except from cart or wagon, and the sale of goods from the house, was adopted. Several amendments were adopted to the ordinance regulating the sale of expenses, allowing the keeping of a moderate amount of kerosene in the house without an explosive dealer's permit. An ordinance was recommended prohibiting walking on the grass plots in Monument Avenue, the law making an exception of children under twelve years of age. Several amendments were adopted to the ordinance regarding the sale of goods from the house, and the ordinance for employment of a landscape artist to complete the laying out of William Byrd Park was recommended.

**As to Handbills.**  
After hearing from distributors of handbills, the ordinance offered by President Wood, of the Board of Aldermen, prohibiting the practice of distributing handbills, circulars, samples of medicines or merchandise, was amended to provide a license of \$10, and to require the literature to be stuck under doors, not thrown loose in yards and porches.

The committee recommended an ordinance recommended by the Street Committee in regard to vagrants. The Street Committee thought the work done by vagrants on the rock pile too expensive, there sometimes being more guards than prisoners. The Ordinance Committee thought the vagrants should be kept at work.

The committee recommended the printing of a synopsis of the business of the Council prior to all regular meetings.

### DISTRIBUTE FLOWERS

**Presbyterian Children to Hold Unique Service at Second Church To-morrow.**  
Presbyterian Sunday schools of Richmond, Manchester and vicinity will unite at a May rally at the Second Presbyterian Church, corner of Fifth and Main Streets, to-morrow afternoon, 4 o'clock.

**To Visit Kansas.**  
Captain and Mrs. H. C. Quisenberry, of 18 South Harrison Street, will leave to-morrow for Kansas, and other Western points. On their way back they will stop in St. Louis for the International convention of the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

## OFFICER LEAR HEAVILY FINED

Policeman Found Drunk on Beat Must Pay \$150 and Be Reprimanded.

### TEST NEW SIGNAL SYSTEM

No Successor Yet Named to Commissioner Watson Myers, of Madison Ward.

In pursuance of a regulation recently adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners, that any member of the police force found drunk while on duty should be fined \$150 or discharged from the department, Officer S. S. Lear, of the Second District, who was arrested on his beat at Fourth and Franklin Streets Thursday afternoon for drunkenness, was last night fined \$150 by the board and reprimanded. Mitigating circumstances were brought out in the hearing, and it was the first offense of the kind which had ever been lodged against the officer, who had never been known to take a drink before. But the board had made its rule, and the members were determined not to modify it. Officer Lear will pay the fine, and, so far as is known, will remain on the force. The commissioners regretted that such a case should have been brought before them, and none was more sincerely sorry than the officer himself.

**Signal System.**  
After disposing of this case, members of the board adjourned to the signal service room, where they tested the new flashlight system recently installed at Seventh and Broad Streets. In response to the flashes, an officer replied in 65 seconds, and he was followed in rapid succession by many others, who caught the alarm at different points and immediately telephoned in to find out what was needed of them. The signal made a favorable impression on the board as a valuable adjunct to the service in cases of emergency, and it is probable that they will adopt it.

**Myers Has Quit Board.**  
It was stated that the actions of the board last night were perfectly legal, as Watson M. Myers, who moved out of the hotel, was no longer represented, thirty days ago, was not present at the meeting. The matter of electing a successor to Mr. Myers will come up in due form before the City Council, no action having been taken as yet to fill the position for the unexpired term. The board meanwhile has a working quorum, and no effort may be made to select a commissioner until the regular election in July.

**Lamp Exploded.**  
An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday evening from Seventh and Main Streets, but the only cause for excitement was the explosion of a lamp above Smith's jewelry store, near the corner. The blaze was extinguished before damage was inflicted.

**More Debt Depositions.**  
Attorney-General William A. Anderson is in Charleston, W. Va., where further depositions are being taken in the famous debt litigation between the two Virginias. The case is expected to return here early next week.

## MAKE MERCHANTS GIVE FULL WEIGHTS

Pure Food Commissioner Saunders Seeks Enforcement of Law.

Professor W. D. Saunders, the State Commissioner of Pure Food, is engaged at present in undertaking to enforce the laws with reference to requiring merchants and manufacturers in the State to give standard weights in the flour and meal which they are offering to the public. The matter is one which has given the department a great deal of trouble, though the commissioner says the merchants are showing a willingness to respect the law in most cases, where their attention has been called to its provision. For this reason, he has been inclined not to drag them into court, but to admonish them that their weights must be in accordance with the law. In this Professor Saunders says he has been fairly successful, though he has had to deal with several ugly cases within the last few weeks. He has found a number of packages of flour and meal which fell short of the weights with which they were branded. He immediately called attention to this fact and required the delinquents to comply with the law.

**Governor Going to Galax.**  
Governor Swanson will leave to-morrow for Galax, where on Monday he will deliver an address before an educational meeting. He will return to the city Tuesday.

## OFFER TO ERECT CONCRETE BRIDGE

Richmond Contractors and Engineers Submit Flat Proposition to Joint Committee.

### WOULD COST \$356,000

Plans Show High Level Structure Crossing Above Chesapeake and Ohio Viaduct.

For the first time the cities of Richmond and Manchester have a definite proposition to erect a new bridge between the two cities, the cost of the work complete being placed at \$356,000.

When the tottering condition of the bridge became so evidently dangerous that even the \$2,000 worth of wooden props placed along the weaker spans could not steady the vibration, the Councils of the two cities appointed a joint committee on repairing or replacing the structure, and after months of delay this committee has succeeded in holding as many as three meetings, and while not authorized by the Councils of either city to contract for a bridge, yet in order to gain information as to the cost the committee invited proposals, and several engineers of experience and reputation have submitted sketches, all for reinforced concrete bridges, at estimates ranging from \$400,000 up, the engineers to receive a commission for plans and supervision should their design be selected and the contract for the bridge be awarded after opening competitive bids from local contractors.

Recently a new proposition has been submitted for consideration. E. D. T. Myers, Jr., an engineer of Richmond, in conjunction with Stamper Brothers & Hagland, local contractors, submitted a complete proposition, having no extras or engineer's fees and commissions, unless the cities see fit to employ an inspector on the job. The proposal is for the furnishing of all plans, drawings, surveys and street sheets for a reinforced concrete bridge on a high level, leaving the Richmond side from the level of Ninth and Byrd Streets, going over instead of under the Chesapeake and Ohio Viaduct, and continuing in Manchester through the property of the Southern Railway to the main arch. The bridge will be 3,200 feet in length. Provision is made for entrance from Overton and Arch Streets. The picture shows herewith is drawn to scale, and shows the crossing of the proposed bridge over the Chesapeake and Ohio Viaduct.

**Won't Interrupt Traffic.**  
The roadway is to be fifty feet wide, nineteen wider than the present bridge, and according to the proposal, the high level bridge can be constructed within two years, without meanwhile interrupting traffic on the old bridge below.

The offer of \$356,000 is to include all costs except the possible condemnation of land for widening the approaches.

## NOISY PEAFOWL MUST QUIT SQUARE

Raise So Much Disturbance in Capitol Grounds That Hospital Patients Can't Sleep.

Owing to the fact that the pair of peafowls recently presented to Colonel John W. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, by Mrs. Thomas N. Jones, of Isle of Wight, have become a disturbing element to the patients at the Memorial Hospital, as well as to persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the Capitol Square, they will be either sold or returned to their original owner. It is with deep regret that Colonel Richardson will part with these proud and stately birds, but their squalls have been making hideous recently, the result being that serious complaints have come in from the hospital and other sources.

When they first arrived they were unused to the beauties and wonders of the Capitol Square, remaining for many days in the tree tops. Finally they left the "tall timbers," descending to terra firma, and resuming their old country tricks of raising hideous noises at pleasure, with utterance to who might be disturbed or kept awake.

When the birds came down they took up their abode in the western section of the square, which is less frequented. Colonel Richardson said yesterday that he had corresponded with Mr. and Mrs. Jones on the subject, the result being an agreement for the return of the birds to their original home in historic old Isle of Wight, unless some one shall purchase them here in the meantime.

## THE GANS-RADY CO.

OFFERS TO-DAY...

Men's Suits, worth up to \$20.00, at **\$12.50**  
Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, worth up to \$8.50, at **\$4.95**  
**MEN'S STRAW HATS**—The Gans-Rady Special, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00, at **\$1.65**

## WINNER OF CONTRACT ALSO ASKS NEW HEARING

General Electric Company Seeks Opportunity to Vindicate Award—Council May Call for New Bids for Municipal Electric Lighting and Power Plant.

Attorneys for the General Electric Company have notified members of the Council Committee on Electricity that their company would prefer to have the award of contract for the municipal electric plant recommitted for a new hearing, that they may refute the allegations of representatives of the Westinghouse Company. The resolution approving the award of contract, which has been vetoed by the Mayor, comes up for consideration in the Common Council Monday night, at which time it may be passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor; may be referred to a committee for an examination of the matter, or may be referred to a committee for a rehearing, or the Mayor may be sustained and the committee be directed to open new bids and forward a new resolution of contract.

Both Companies Represented.  
The General Electric Company has retained Charles V. Meredith as chief counsel. The Westinghouse Company is represented by Murray M. McGuire, George Ainslie and Wyndham R. Meredith.

In his letter to the Committee on Electricity, Attorney Charles V. Meredith asks that when the matter comes up in the Council it be referred to a committee for a rehearing of all parts of the case, the fullest opportunity being given to the committee to make a showing which will not only fully vindicate the recommendations of Engineer Trafford and the Committee on Electricity, but will show the superiority of the machinery offered as more than justifying the city in paying the additional \$5,000 which this bid was in excess of that of the Westinghouse Company.

Attorneys for the Westinghouse Company also declare that all they ask is a fair hearing, when they can answer criticisms of their machinery and show that it is as good as that of their competitor.

**Don't Ask New Bids.**  
In view of complications both as to the validity of the vote, the point raised by the Mayor in his veto message, and the pending litigation over riparian rights, it is possible that the Council may sustain the Mayor and direct the Committee on Electricity to advertise for new bids, in which case there will be a clause in the specifications holding the city harmless in the event suits for water power right delay or prevent the construction of the proposed plant.

President Peters, of the Common Council, has asked City Attorney Pollard, who has returned to the city after a week spent at the Louisville meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, for an opinion constraining in detail the classes of ordinances requiring, under the charter, a recorded two-thirds vote. While Mr. Pollard is not discussing the case for publication, and will not make his opinion public until it is submitted to the Council Monday night, there seems to be a general impression that it will serve to modify to some extent the opinion given the Mayor by Assistant City Attorney Anderson, although in the main the opinion will be upheld.

**Former Opinions Rerendered.**  
Mr. Pollard himself gave an opinion on May 20, 1901, to James Caskie, chairman of the Finance Committee, in relation to the creation of a library fund, in which he held that while that ordinance did not in express terms carry with it any appropriation rendering a two-thirds vote always necessary when the amount exceeds \$100, yet the ordinance authorized a board of trustees to purchase a site for a proposed building. Mr. Pollard said: "This necessarily carried with it the power to make a contract, with which the city might be compelled to comply, and for that purpose compelled to make an appropriation. I therefore feel constrained to hold that the ordinance did not in effect carry with it the power to make a contract requiring a two-thirds vote of all the

members elected to each branch for all appropriations in excess of \$100, would require that this ordinance be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each branch of the Council."

**Supported by Mr. Meredith.**  
This position is taken by former City Attorney Charles V. Meredith, who, in an opinion rendered November 13, 1896, to the lower branch of the Council, said: "I am of opinion that whenever any proposed ordinance resolution shall require that money shall be spent or a liability be incurred by the city, your presiding officer should hold that a two-thirds vote would be needed to carry it. In the case of the electric plant an ordinance was passed more than a year ago providing for the issue of bonds for the erection of an electric plant, this was a two-thirds vote. It became a law without the signature of the former Mayor."

**Incurs Liability.**  
The present Mayor construes this bond issue not as a definite appropriation for a specific purpose, but merely as the designation of a fund to be later applied by law, the bond issue ordinance incurring no liability on which the city could be sued. The custom has grown up in the Council with all members, after the money has been provided for an undertaking, to have the contracts awarded by the committees ratified by a merely viva voce vote, on the ground that the ratification of contract was not a contract.

Awards of contracts made in this way have met the approval both of the present Mayor and of his predecessors. The Mayor now raises the point that such contracts incur a liability on which the city may be sued, and as such should have a recorded two-thirds vote.

Should this position be upheld by City Attorney Pollard, the validity of various contracts made by the city for all manner of construction work may be called into question. A general rescinding of all records may be followed by a series of special enactments to make valid contracts already approved and in some instances where a part of the work has been done and part of the money paid.

### ENTERS MISSIONARY FIELD

**Graduate Nurse at Memorial Hospital to Undertake Church Work at Houston.**  
Miss Mary Margaret Cosby, of Houston, Halifax county, who will be among those to receive her diploma at the commencement exercises of the Memorial Hospital School for Nurses next Friday night, expects to enter missionary work in connection with St. John's Episcopal Church in Houston. Miss Cosby took the course in order to be equipped for the work in which she was engaged prior to coming to Richmond. She is the daughter of U. W. Cosby.

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

**Annex Building in the P. & O. City Home.**  
The Council Committee on Relief of the Poor last night, on recommendation of a subcommittee, awarded a contract for the construction of an annex to the City Home to E. C. Woodward for \$1,124. The new building is to be devoted to treatment of contagious diseases and will be separated from the main building.

The work contract for the new cord was to E. T. Long, saving the word to S. W. Dixon, and hauling to A. T. Crabbin.

**Mr. Byrd in Richmond.**  
Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, of the House of Delegates, was in the city yesterday, having spent the day in the city yesterday. He will go to Warrenton on Monday, when his client, Prof. J. D. Harris, will be indicted and arraigned for the killing of Editor Thompson, of a paper in that town. It is understood that the trial of the case will go over until the first of June or the first of July.

## POLLOCK OBJECTS TO NEWSPAPER MEN

Called Meeting of Committee on Electricity Adjourns Without Transacting Business.

Called in special session last night for reasons unknown to several of the members, the Council Committee on Electricity transacted its business with a model promptness and dispatch. Acting Clerk Russett called the roll, and Chairman Richardson began a statement of the reason for the call, when Councilman Gilbert K. Pollock interrupted: "Mr. Chairman, I notice there is a newspaper man present."

"I move we adjourn," said Councilman Harry Huber, hastily, and the committee stood not on the order of its going.

A minutes after adjournment Alderman Marks, a member of the committee, who had opposed its award of contract to the General Electric Company on the floor of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Graham Hobson, who supported his opposition, and Attorney Murray M. McGuire, retained by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, entered the committee room.

**Richardson Explains.**  
Chairman Richardson explained for the press and public that when the call for the meeting had been requested by several members it had been intended to take some action in regard to the Mayor's veto of the awards of contract, possibly agreeing to sustain the Mayor, but to have ready for immediate action a duplicate ordinance recommended by the committee and prepared for instant approval, by a recorded vote, thus meeting the Mayor's technical objection. Mr. Richardson said that since the call had been issued a letter had been received from representatives of the General Electric Company welcoming a rehearing, and offering to meet all criticisms. Members of the committee added the hope that the opinion being prepared by City Attorney Pollard might in some degree modify or reverse the position taken by Assistant City Attorney Anderson and Mayor Richardson.

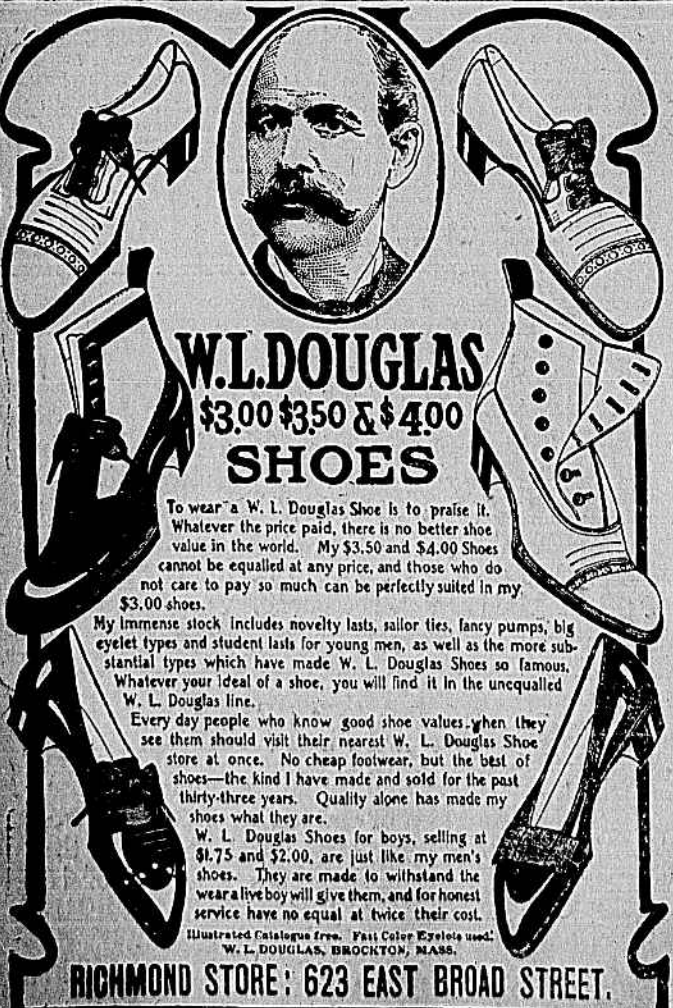
## WANTED BANANAS AND NEW POTATOES

S. B. Beech Arrested on Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

S. B. Beech, who, according to the charges brought against him last night, must be a high financial agent for bigger game, was arrested on complaint of Mrs. L. Lettice for having, she declared, obtained \$150 from her under false pretenses, and on complaint of H. P. Taylor, who charged him with having obtained a box of sausage, valued at \$175, from him, also under false pretenses. Though these were the only victims so far as is known, Beech, according to the police, contemplated bigger deals, and yesterday afternoon made the rounds of the commission merchant district and attempted to inveigle several of them into letting him have anything from a bunch of bananas to a barrel of potatoes.

He represented himself, the story goes, as the agent of some merchant of his acquaintance, and his plan was to pretend that he had been sent to get various and sundry supplies. At one place he is alleged to have asked for six barrels of new potatoes. The merchant had only five, and Beech went across the street to another merchant. There he put up the same tale, but the proprietor informed him that he must show a written order. In the meantime the merchant telephoned to the man Beech had stated he was representing, and was in the act of talking with him when Beech returned with what is claimed to be a fake order. The merchant took the order, tore it up and asked Beech for his name, which Beech immediately gave. But he did not stop his negotiations there, for he played the game at several other places. He was unsuccessful there, however, and his day's work brought in only slight returns for all the pains and trouble he had taken. He was also suspected of forgery, but it was shown that he had written his own name on the order, and the charge was changed to one of false representation.

**Board of Managers to Meet.**  
The board of managers of the Home for Incurables will meet at Murphy's Hotel this morning at 11 o'clock.



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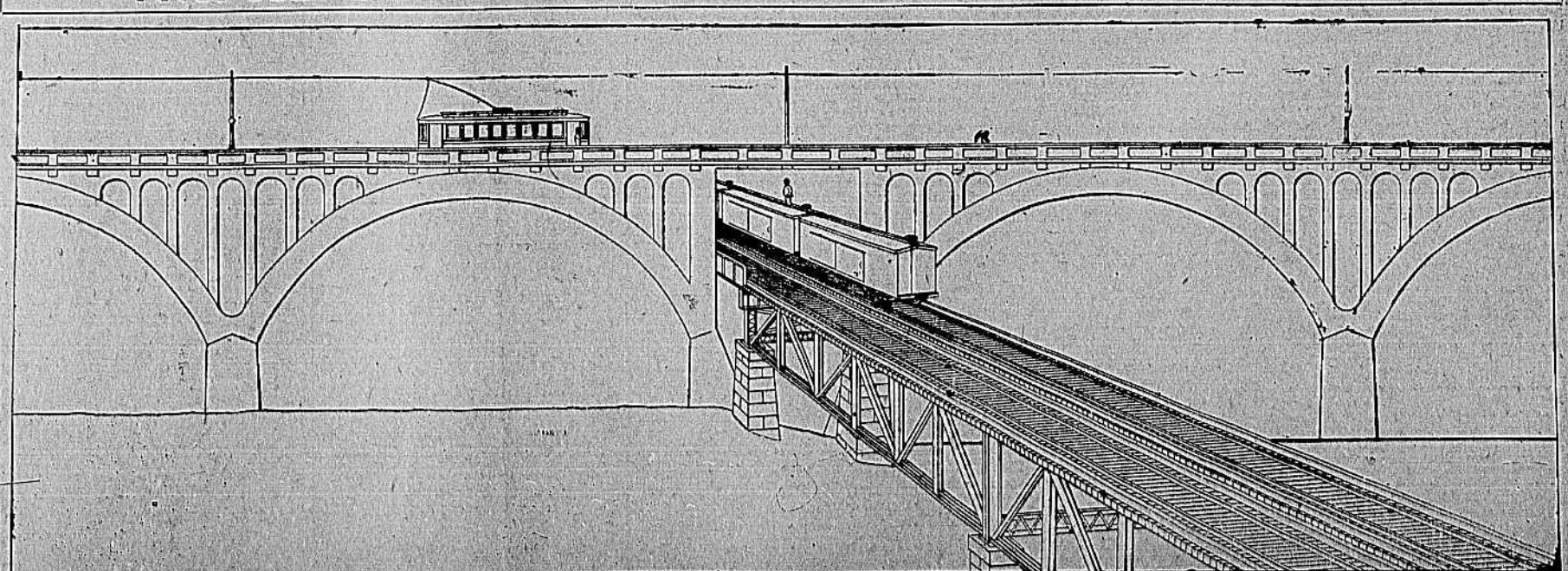
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## PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE BETWEEN RICHMOND AND MANCHESTER



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